

## **SOUTH LONDON WASTE PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, 8 September 2021**

**7.00pm**

### **London Borough of Croydon**

Councillor Muhammad Ali  
Councillor Patsy Cummings

### **Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames**

Councillor Tim Cobbett  
Councillor John Sweeney  
**Substitute/s:** Councillors Stephanie Archer and Dave Ryder-Mills

### **London Borough of Merton**

Councillor Tobin Byers  
Councillor Natasha Irons  
**Substitute/s:** Councillors Mark Allison and Martin Whelton

### **London Borough of Sutton**

Councillor Manuel Abellan - Chair of the Environment & Neighbourhood Committee  
Councillor Ben Andrew - Vice-Chair of the Environment & Neighbourhood Committee  
**Substitute:** Councillor Hanna Zuchowska

## **1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Vice Chair, Councillor Manuel Abellan, welcomed those present and watching the live stream.

Councillor Martin Whelton proposed that Councillor Manuel Abellan be elected as Chair of the joint committee for the 2021-22 municipal year. This was seconded by Councillor Tobin Byers and put to the vote.

Councillor Tobin Byers proposed that Councillor Ben Andrew be elected as Vice Chair of the joint committee for the 2021-22 municipal year. This was seconded by Councillor John Sweeney and put to the vote.

### **RESOLVED:**

1. Councillor Manuel Abellan be appointed as Chair for the 2021-22 municipal year.
2. Councillor Ben Andrew be appointed as Vice Chair for the 2021-22 municipal year.

## **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Natasha Irons, for whom Councillor Martin Whelton attended as a substitute, and Councillor Tim Cobbett, for whom Councillor Dave Ryder-Mills attended as a substitute.

There were no declarations of interest.

## **3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 17 December 2020 be agreed as an accurate record.

## **4. ANY URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

## **5. PHASE A AND B CONTRACT MANAGEMENT REPORT**

The Interim Strategic Partnership Manager introduced the report.

In response to questions, officers advised that the relevant Household Reuse and Recycling Centre logistical arrangements were set by the individual boroughs and that user-friendly developments to booking systems would continue to be introduced. It was noted that the partnership felt it was meeting current demand for centre booking requests but that the rates were monitored on a monthly basis. Members discussed the collection of data relating to use of centres, noting that some data - such as number of visits - was already captured but that further data capture of indicators such as length of visits and volume of waste deposited per visit would be explored.

Members requested that residents' feedback on the booking systems and a summary of the new booking system specification be provided to the committee.

Members discussed the Fair Use Policy and the variations introduced by the four boroughs, the high rates of adherence to its standards, and that the rates of 'no-show' bookings had been reduced as a result of this policy being introduced.

Members discussed the exceedance rates at the Energy Recovery Facility site, noting the transparency of reporting of the site's performance.

### **RESOLVED:**

1. The content of the report be noted.
2. Provided comment on any aspects of the performance of the Partnership's Phase A and B contracts.

**6. SOUTH LONDON WASTE PARTNERSHIP BUDGET UPDATE MONTH 3  
2021/22**

The Head of Finance Operations and Resident Support (Sutton Council) introduced the report.

In response to questions, officers confirmed that the South London Waste Partnership restructure was underway and that the final proposal would be shared with the boroughs in due course. Officers assured the committee that vacancies had been supported through external consultancy support and that this had prevented interruptions to the service.

**RESOLVED:**

1. The content of the report be noted.

**7. COMMUNICATIONS AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT – PHASE A AND  
PHASE B CONTRACTS**

The Communications Advisor introduced the report.

Members discussed the challenges of carbon capture technology being introduced on the Beddington site, noting the Steering Group was regularly presented with an opportunities register for prospective improvements to the site, including around carbon capture and reduction. The committee discussed the challenge of clear but encouraging communications around recycling.

The committee discussed the unified approach to communications of the partnership's work, noting the regular meetings between Veolia, the partnership itself, and the four boroughs' communications teams. Following the reduction of COVID-19 restrictions, the committee requested a visit to the Beddington Energy Recovery Facility site be arranged as a priority, a commitment to which was made.

In response to questions, officers advised that national campaigns to which the South London Waste Partnership had previously used television advertising and that this would be further explored as part of the ReLondon campaign.

**RESOLVED:**

1. The content of the report be noted.
2. Provided comment on any aspects of communications and engagement activities relating to the Phase A and Phase B contracts.

Signed ..... Date.....